

## THE MONOPHONIC HULL DOMINATION NUMBER OF A GRAPH

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### Abstract

In this article, the monophonic hull domination number  $\gamma_{mh}(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is introduced and the monophonic hull domination numbers of certain classes of graphs are determined. Connected graphs of order  $p$  with monophonic hull domination number  $2, p, p - 1$  are characterized. It is shown that for any two integers  $a, b \geq 2$  with  $2 \leq a \leq b$ , there exists a connected graph  $G$  such that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = a$  and  $\gamma_m(G) = b$ , where  $\gamma_m(G)$  is the monophonic domination number of a graph.

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### 1. Introduction

By a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , we mean a finite undirected connected graph without loops or multiple edges. The order and size of  $G$  are denoted by  $p$  and  $q$  respectively. For basic graph theoretic terminology, we refer to Harary [1,8]. A convexity on a finite set  $V$  is a family  $C$  of subsets of  $V$ , convex sets which is closed under intersection and which contains both  $V$  and the empty set. The pair  $(V, C)$  is called a convexity space. A finite graph convexity space is a pair  $(V, C)$ , formed by a finite connected graph  $G = (V, E)$  and a convexity  $C$  on  $V$  such that  $(V, C)$  is a convexity space satisfying that every member of  $C$  induces a connected sub graph of  $G$ . Thus, classical convexity can be extended to graphs in a natural way. We know that a set  $X$  of  $R_n$  is convex if every segment joining two points of  $X$  is entirely contained in it. Similarly a vertex set  $W$  of a finite connected graph is said to be convex set of  $G$  if it contains all the vertices lying in a certain kind of path connecting vertices of  $W$  [2,7].

A chord of a path  $P$  is an edge joining two non adjacent vertices of  $P$ . A  $u - v$  path  $P$  is called monophonic path if it is a chordless path [9]. A longest  $u - v$  monophonic path is called an  $u - v$  detour monophonic path. A  $u - v$  monophonic path with its length equal to  $d_m(u, v)$  is known as a  $u - v$  monophonic. For any vertex  $v$  in a connected graph  $G$ , the monophonic eccentricity of  $v$  is  $e_m(v) = \max \{d_m(u, v) : u \in V\}$ . A vertex  $u$  of  $G$  such that  $d_m(u, v) = e_m(v)$  is called a monophonic eccentric vertex of  $v$ . The monophonic radius and monophonic diameter of  $G$  are defined by  $rad_m G = \min \{e_m(v) : v \in V\}$  and  $diam_m G = \max \{e_m(v) : v \in V\}$ , respectively. We denote  $rad_m G$  by  $r_m$  and  $diam_m G$  by  $d_m$  [15].

A vertex  $x$  is said to lie on a  $u - v$  monophonic path  $P$  if  $x$  is a vertex of  $P$  including the vertices  $u$  and  $v$ . For two vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , let  $J[u, v]$  denotes the set of all vertices which lie on  $u - v$

monophonic path. For a set  $M$  of vertices [11], let  $J[M] = M$ . The set  $M$  is monophonic convex or  $m$ -convex if  $J[M] = M$ . Clearly if  $M = \{v\}$  or  $M = V$ , then  $M$  is  $m$ -convex. The  $m$ -convexity number, denoted by  $C_m(G)$ , is the cardinality of a maximum proper  $m$ -convex subset of  $V$ . The  $m$ -convex hull  $[M]$  the smallest  $m$ -convex set containing  $M$ . The monophonic convex hull of  $M$  can also be formed from the sequence  $\{J^k[M]\} (k \geq 0)$ , where  $J^0[M] = M, J^1[M] = J[M]$  and  $J^k[M] = J^{k-1}[M]$ . From some term on, this sequence must be constant [14]. Let  $n$  be the smallest number such that  $J^n[M] = J^{n+1}[M]$ . Then  $[M]$  is the  $m$ -convex hull. The minimum cardinality of a  $m$ -convex hull is the *monophonic hull number*  $m_h(G)$ . Since the intersection of two  $m$ -convex set is  $m$ -convex, the  $m$ -convex hull is well defined.

A subset  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is called a *dominating set* if every vertex in  $V \setminus D$  is adjacent to at least one vertex of  $D$ . The *domination number*,  $\gamma(G)$ , of a graph  $G$  denotes the minimum cardinality of such dominating sets of  $G$ . A minimum dominating set of a graph  $G$  is hence often called as a  $\gamma$ -set of  $G$ . The domination concept was studied in [8, 10-13]. The following theorems are used in the sequel.

**Theorem 1.1**[14]. For the complete graph  $G = K_p (p \geq 2), m_h(G) = p$ .

**Theorem 1.2**[8]. For the path,  $G = P_p (p \geq 4), \gamma(G) = \lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor$ .

## 2. The monophonic hull domination number of a graph

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph. A set of vertices  $M$  in  $G$  is called a *monophonic hull dominating set* of  $G$  if  $M$  is both a monophonic hull set of  $G$  and a dominating set of  $G$ . The *monophonic hull domination number* of  $G$  is defined as  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = \min\{|M| : M \text{ is a monophonic hull dominating set of } G\}$ . The minimum cardinality of a monophonic hull dominating set  $M$  of  $G$  is called a  $\gamma_{mh}$ -set of  $G$ .

**Example 2.2.** For the graph  $G$  given in Figure 2.1,  $M = \{v_1, v_3, v_5\}$  is a dominating set and  $J^2[M] = V(G)$  so that  $M$  is a monophonic hull set. Therefore  $M$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  and so  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq 3$ . It is easily seen that there is no  $\gamma_{mh}$ -set of  $G$  with cardinality two. Hence  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = 3$ .

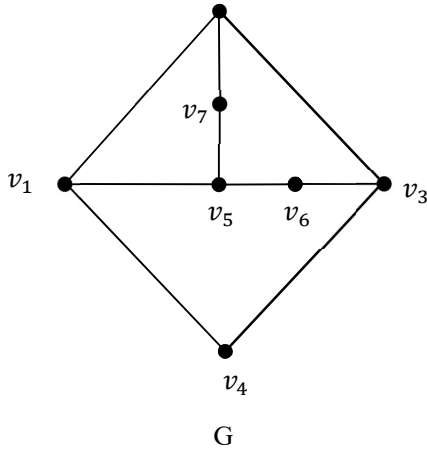


Figure 2.1

**Observation 2.3.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph and  $v$  be a cut-vertex of  $G$ . Then every monophonic hull dominating set contains at least one element from each component of  $G - v$ .

**Observation 2.4.** No cut vertex of  $G$  belongs to any  $\gamma_{mh}$ -set of  $G$ .

**Observation 2.5.** If  $G$  is a connected graph of order  $n$ , then  $2 \leq \max\{m_h(G), \gamma(G)\} \leq \gamma_{mh}(G) \leq p$ .

**Observation 2.6.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph. Then

- (i)  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \geq m_h(G)$  and  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \geq \gamma(G)$
- (ii) Every monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  contains all the extreme vertices of  $G$ .

In the following we determine the monophonic hull domination number of some standard graphs.

**Theorem 2.7.** For the complete graph  $G = K_p (p \geq 2), \gamma_{mh}(K_p) = p$ .

**Proof.** Let  $M = V(G)$  is the set of extreme vertex of  $G$ . Hence  $M$  is the unique monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$ . Thus  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p$ . ■

**Theorem.2.8.** For the star  $G = K_{1,p-1}, \gamma_{mh}(G) = p - 1$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V(G) = \{v, v_i; 1 \leq i \leq p - 1\}$ . Let  $M = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{p-1}\}$  be the set of end edges of  $G$ . By Observation 2.6 (ii),  $S$  is a subset of every monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  and so  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \geq p - 1$ . Now  $S$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p - 1$ . ■

**Theorem.2.9.** For the double star  $G, \gamma_{mh}(G) = p - 2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V(G) = \{u, v, u_i, v_j; 1 \leq i \leq r, 1 \leq j \leq s\}$  and  $E(G) = \{v, uu_i, vv_j; 1 \leq i \leq r, 1 \leq j \leq s\}$ , where  $r + s = p - 2$ . Let  $M = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_s\}$  be the set of all end vertices of  $G$ . By Observation 2.6(ii),  $M$  is a subset of every monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  and so  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \geq r + s$ . Now  $M$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = r + s = p - 2$ . ■

**Theorem.2.10.** For the cycle  $G = C_p (p \geq 6)$ ,  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = \left\lceil \frac{p}{3} \right\rceil$ .

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a minimum dominating set of  $G$ . Then  $|M| = \left\lceil \frac{p}{3} \right\rceil$ . Now  $M$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq \gamma(G)$ . By Observation 2.6(i),  $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{mh}(G)$ . Hence it follows that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = \gamma(G) = \left\lceil \frac{p}{3} \right\rceil$ . ■

**Theorem 2.11.** For the wheel  $G = W_p = K_1 + C_{p-1}; (p \geq 5)$ ,  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = 3$

**Proof.** Let  $C_{p-1}$  be  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{p-1}$  and  $V(K_1) = v$ . It is early observed that no two elements set of  $G$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  and so  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \geq 3$ . Let  $M = \{v_1, v_2, v\}$ . Then  $M$  is a  $\gamma_{mh}$ - set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = 3$  ■

**Corollary 2.12.** For the complete bipartite graph  $G = K_{m,n} (1 \leq m \leq n)$ ,

- (i)  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = 2$  if  $m = n = 1$
- (ii)  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = n$  if  $m = 1, n \geq 2$
- (iii)  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = 2$  if  $m = 2, n \geq 2$
- (iv)  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = 3$  if  $m, n \geq 2$

**Proof.**

(i) This follows from Theorem 2.7.

(ii) This follows from Theorem 2.8.

(iii) Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$  and  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$  be the bipartition of  $G$ . Then  $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = 2$

(iv) Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r\}$  and  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_s\}$  be the bipartition of  $G$ . Then  $X = \{x_i, x_j\} (1 \leq i, j \leq r)$  is a monophonic hull set of  $G$ . However  $S$  is not a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$ . It is easily verified that no two elements subset of  $G$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  and so  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \geq 3$ . Now  $S_1 = \{x_i, x_j, y_k\} (1 \leq i < j \leq m, 1 \leq k \leq n)$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = 3$ . ■

### 3. Some results on the monophonic hull domination number of a graph

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $k$  support vertices and  $l$  end vertices. Then  $l \leq \gamma_{mh}(G) \leq p - k$ .

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be the set of all end vertices of  $G$  and  $M$  be the set of support vertices of  $G$ . Then  $|S| = l$  and  $|M| = k$ . By Observation 3.6(ii),  $S$  is a subset of every monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  and so  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \geq l$ . Also by Observation 2.4,  $S' = V(G) - M$  is a hull dominating set of  $G$  and so  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq |V(G) - M| = p - k$ . Thus  $l \leq \gamma_{mh}(G) \leq p - k$ . ■

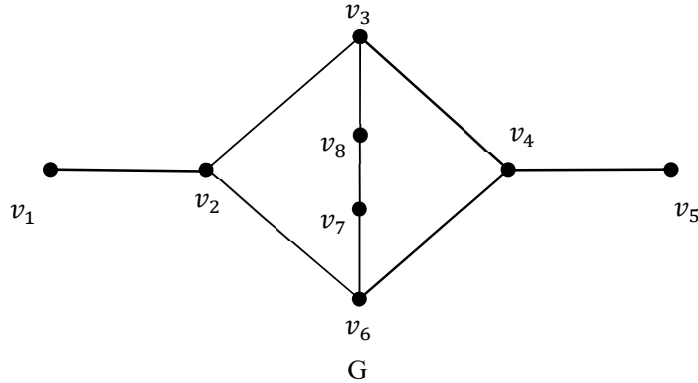


Figure 3.1

**Remark 3. 2.** The bounds in Theorem 3. 1 are sharp. For the star  $G = K_{1,p-1}$ ,  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p - 1 = l$ . Also the bounds in Theorem 3. 1 are strict. For the graph  $G$  given in Figure 3.1,  $l = 2$ ,  $k = 2$ ,  $p = 7$ ,  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = 4$ . Hence  $l < \gamma_{mh}(G) < p - k$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph. Then  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq n - \left\lfloor \frac{2d_m}{3} \right\rfloor$ , where  $d_m$  is the monophonic diameter of  $G$ .

**Proof.** Let  $P: u = u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{d_m} = v$  be the monophonic diametral path of  $G$ . Then  $M = V(G) - \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{d_m-1}\}$  is a monophonic hull set of  $G$ . Also  $M$  is a dominating set of  $\langle M \cup \{u_1, u_{d_m-1}\} \rangle$ . Let  $P': u_2, u_3, \dots, u_{d_m-2}$ . Then  $|V(P')| = p - 3$ . Let  $D$  be a  $\gamma$ -set of  $P'$ . Then by Theorem 1.2,  $|D| = \left\lfloor \frac{d_m-3}{3} \right\rfloor$ . Let  $M' = M \cup D$ . Then  $M'$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq |SM'| = |S \cup D| = p - d_m + 1 + \left\lfloor \frac{d_m-3}{3} \right\rfloor = p - d_m + 1 + \left\lfloor \frac{d_m}{3} \right\rfloor - 1 = p - d_m + \left\lfloor \frac{d_m}{3} \right\rfloor$ . Thus  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq p - \left\lfloor \frac{2d_m}{3} \right\rfloor$ . ■

**Remark 3.4.** The bound in Theorem 3.3 is strict. For the graph given in Figure 3.1,  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = 4$  and  $p - \left\lfloor \frac{2d_m}{3} \right\rfloor = 5$ . Then  $\gamma_{mh}(G) < p - \left\lfloor \frac{2d_m}{3} \right\rfloor$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** If  $G$  is a non complete connected graph such that it has a minimum cut set, then  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq p - \kappa(G)$ ,  $\kappa(G)$  is the vertex connectivity of  $G$ .

**Proof.** Since  $G$  is non complete, it is clear that  $1 \leq \kappa(G) \leq p - 2$ . Let  $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_\kappa\}$  be a minimum cut set of  $G$ . Let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_r$  ( $r \geq 2$ ) be the components of  $G - U$  and let  $M = V(G) - U$ . Then every vertex  $u_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq \kappa$ ) is adjacent to at least one vertex of  $G_j$  for every  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq r$ ). Then  $J^k[M] = V(G)$ ;  $k \geq 1$ , and so  $M$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$ . Hence  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq p - \kappa(G)$ . ■

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $G$  be a connected non-complete graph and let  $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_\kappa\}$  be the minimum cut set of  $G$ . Then  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq p - \kappa(G) - r$ , where  $r$  is the number of non complete components of  $G - U$ .

**Proof.** Let  $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_\kappa\}$  be the minimum cut set of  $G$ . Let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_r$  be the non complete components of  $G - U$ . Then  $|V(G_i)| \geq 3$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ). Hence there exist  $x_i, y_i \in V(G_i)$  such that  $d(x_i, y_i) \geq 2$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ). Let  $z_i$  be the internal vertex of  $x_i - y_i$  path. Then  $M = V(G) - U - \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_r\}$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq p - \kappa(G) - r$ . ■

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $G$  be a connected non-complete graph. Then  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq p - \delta(G)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a  $\gamma_{mh}$ - set of  $G$ . If  $\delta(G) = 1$ , then let  $y$  be an end edge of  $G$  such that  $xy \in E(G)$ . Then  $V(G) - \{x\}$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq p - \delta(G)$ . So let  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ . Let  $x$  be a vertex of  $G$  such that  $\deg(x) = \delta(G)$ . Let  $N(x) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{\delta(G)}\}$ . If  $x$  is a cut vertex of  $G$ , then  $V(G) - N(x)$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq p - \delta(G)$ . So assume that  $x$  is not a cut vertex of  $G$ . If  $\langle N(x) \rangle$  is complete, then  $x$  is an extreme vertex of  $G$ . Since  $G$  is non complete, there exists  $y$  such that  $y$  is not adjacent to  $x$  and  $y$  is adjacent to each  $v_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq \delta(G)$ ). Then  $V(G) - N(x)$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq p - \delta(G)$ . If  $\langle N(x) \rangle$  is non-complete, then at least two  $v_i$ 's are non-adjacent. Since  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ ,  $v_1$  is adjacent to a vertex  $w$  and  $v_2$  is adjacent to a vertex  $z$  such that  $y$  and  $z$  are not adjacent. Then  $V(G) - \{N(x) - \{v_1, v_2\}\} \cup \{y, z\}$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq p - \delta(G)$ . ■

In the following we characterize graphs for which the hull domination number is  $2, p, p - 1$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $p \geq 2$ . Then  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = 2$  if and only if there exist a monophonic hull dominating set  $M = \{u, v\}$  of  $G$  such that  $d_m(u, v) \leq 3$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = 2$ . Let  $M = \{u, v\}$  be a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$ . Suppose that  $d_m(u, v) \geq 4$ . Then the monophonic diametrical path contains at least three internal vertices. Therefore  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \geq 3$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $d_m(u, v) \leq 3$ . The converse is clear. ■

**Theorem 3.9.** For a connected graph  $G$  of order  $p \geq 3$  the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $G = K_p$
- (ii)  $mh(G) = p$
- (iii)  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p$

**Proof.** Let as assume  $G = K_p$ . Then by Theorem 1.1,  $m_h(G) = p$ . Next assume  $m_h(G) = p$ . Then by Observation 2.6 (ii),  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p$ . Next assume  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p$ . Suppose that  $G \neq K_p$ . Then by Theorem 3.5,  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq p - 1$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $G = K_p$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** For a connected graph  $G$  of order  $p \geq 3$ , the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $G = K_1 + \cup m_j K_j$ , where  $\sum m_j \geq 2$ .
- (ii)  $m_h(G) = p - 1$

(iii)  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p - 1$

**Proof.** Let us assume  $G = K_1 + \cup m_j K_j$ , where  $\sum m_j \geq 2$ . Then by Observations 2.4 and 2.6(ii),  $m_h(G) = p - 1$ . Next assume that  $m_h(G) = p - 1$ . Then by Observation 2.6(i)  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p$  or  $p - 1$ . If  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p$ , then by Theorem 3.9,  $m_h(G) = p$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p - 1$ . Next assume that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p - 1$ . Then by Theorem 3.5,  $\kappa(G) = 1$ . Therefore  $G$  contains only one cut vertex, say  $v$ . We show that each component of  $G - v$  is complete. Suppose that there exist a component  $G_1$  of  $G - v$  such that  $G_1$  is non complete. Then  $|G_1| \geq 2$ . Let  $u$  be the non extreme vertex of  $G_1$ . Then  $M = V(G) - \{u, v\}$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \leq p - 2$ , which is a contradiction. Hence each component of  $G - v$  is complete. Therefore  $G = K_1 + \cup m_j K_j$ , where  $\sum m_j \geq 2$ . Conversely, Suppose that  $G = K_1 + \cup m_j K_j$  where  $\sum m_j \geq 2$ . Then it is clear that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p - 1$ . ■

**Theorem 3.11.** If  $G$  is a graph of order  $p$ , then  $\gamma_{mh}(G) + \gamma_{mh}(\bar{G}) \leq 2p$  and  $\gamma_{hm}(G) + \gamma_h(\bar{G}) = 2p$  if and only if  $G = K_p$  or  $\bar{G} = K_p$ .

**Proof.** By Observation 2.5,  $\gamma_{mh}(G) + \gamma_{mh}(\bar{G}) \leq 2p$ . Now, suppose  $G = K_p$  or  $\bar{G} = K_p$ . Then by Theorem 2.7,  $\gamma_{mh}(G) + \gamma_{mh}(\bar{G}) = 2p$ . Conversely, suppose  $\gamma_{mh}(G) + \gamma_{mh}(\bar{G}) = 2p$ . Then  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p$  and  $\gamma_{mh}(\bar{G}) = p$ . It follows from Theorem 3.22, that the components of  $G$  and  $\bar{G}$  are complete graphs. This is possible only when  $G = K_p$  or  $\bar{G} = K_p$ . ■

**Theorem 3.12.** If  $G$  is a connected graph of order  $p$ , then  $\gamma_{mh}(G) + \gamma_{mh}(\bar{G}) = 2p - 1$  if and only if  $p \geq 3$  and  $G = K_{1,p-1}$  or  $\bar{G} = K_{1,p-1}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $p \geq 3$  and  $G = K_{1,p-1}$  or  $\bar{G} = K_{1,p-1}$ . Then by Theorem 3.8 that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) + \gamma_{mh}(\bar{G}) = 2p - 1$ . Conversely, suppose  $\gamma_{mh}(G) + \gamma_{mh}(\bar{G}) = 2p - 1$ . Then  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p$  or  $\gamma_{mh}(\bar{G}) = p$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that  $\gamma_{mh}(\bar{G}) = p$ . Then  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p - 1$ . By Theorem 3.11, the components of  $\bar{G}$  are complete graphs. If  $\bar{G}$  is connected, then  $\bar{G} = K_p$  and we get the contradiction. Therefore  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p$ . If  $\bar{G}$  is not connected, then  $p \geq 2$  and  $G$  is connected. By Theorem 3.11, we find that there exists a vertex  $v$  in  $G$  such that  $v$  is adjacent to every other vertex of  $G$  and  $G - v$  is the union of at least two complete graphs. Therefore  $p \geq 3$ . Since  $\gamma_{mh}(\bar{G}) = p$ , the components of  $G - v$  are isolated vertices. This shows that  $G = K_{1,p-1}$ . ■

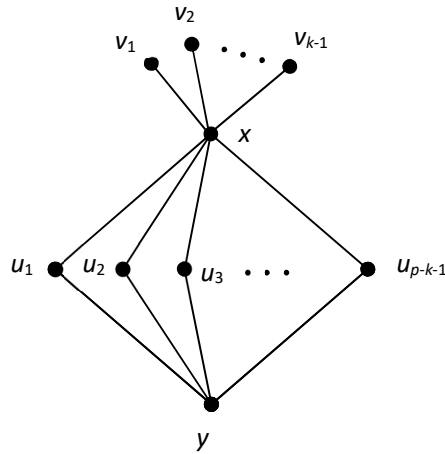
**Theorem 3.13.** For every pair  $k, p$  of integers such that  $2 \leq k \leq p$ , there exists a connected graph  $G$  of order  $p$  such that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = k$ .

**Proof.** If  $k = p$ , then take  $G = K_p$ . By Theorem 2.7,  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = p$ .

**Case a.** Suppose  $2 = k < p$ . Let  $G = K_{2, p-2}$  be a complete bipartite graph. Let  $U = \{x, y\}$  and  $W = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{p-2}\}$  be a bipartition of  $G$ . Then  $U = \{x, y\}$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = 2$ .

**Case b.** Suppose  $2 < k < p$ . Let  $H = K_{2,p-k-1}$  be a complete bipartite graph. Let

$U = \{x, y\}$ ,  $W = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{p-k-1}\}$  be a bipartition of  $G$ . Let  $Z = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{k-1}\}$  be the set of end-vertices of  $G$ . The graph  $G$  given in Figure 3.2 is obtained from  $H$  by joining each  $v_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k - 1$ ) with the vertex  $x$ . By observation 2.6 (ii),  $Z$  is a subset of every monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  and so  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \geq k - 1$ . It is clear that  $Z$  is not a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  and so  $\gamma_{mh}(G) \geq k$ . However  $M = Z \cup \{y\}$  is a monophonic hull dominating set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{mh}(G) = k$ . ■



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Figure 3.2

**Conclusion**

In this article, we'll look into the idea of a graph's monophonic hull domination number. We broaden this idea to include signal distance in graphs.

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